

REMARKS

Claims 14-28 have been cancelled. Claims 1-14 remain. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. The specification currently stands rejected for certain informalities. The specification has been amended. NE stands for a type of metal.

2-7. Claims 15-19 and 21 currently stand rejected 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by the subject matter recited in U.S. Patent 4,081,710 to Heywood (hereinafter “Heywood”).

Claims 15-19 and 21 have been cancelled.

8-10. Claims 22-25 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by the subject matter recited in U.S. Patent 4,844,747 to Jachowski (hereinafter “Jachowski”).

Claims 22-25 have been cancelled.

11-13. Claims 26-28 currently stand rejected for allegedly being anticipated by the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent 6,200,440 to Moran (hereinafter “Moran”)

Claims 26-28 have been cancelled.

14-16. Claim 20 currently stands rejected for allegedly being obvious in view of Heywood

Claim 20 has been cancelled.

17-26. The itemization of the previous objections/rejections is noted and appreciated.

27-28. The allowance of claims 1-14 is noted and appreciated.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-14 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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